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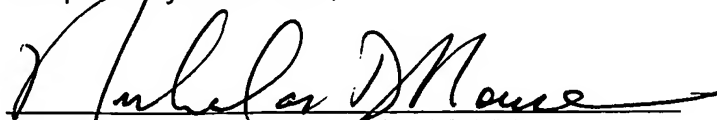
This amendment is submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 prior to payment of the issue fee. Claims 6 and 25 have been amended. It is submitted that no substantive changes have been made in the application.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's courtesy during a telephone interview with Applicant's attorney, Nicholas D. Rouse, on October 25, 2005. During the interview, Applicant's attorney made inquiry regarding claims 23-25 being omitted from mention in the Office Action dated June 22, 2005. The Examiner stated that the omission was a mistake on his part. The patentability of claim 23 was then discussed in view of the Anderson et al. reference. Changes to claim 23 were discussed and agreed to. The Examiner agreed to make the changes by Examiner's Amendment.

With respect to claims 6 and 25, the Examiner's Amendment indicates that "frusto-conical" is deleted. Applicant submits that the entire phrase "the frusto-conical surface of" should be deleted. By the present amendment, Applicant has amended claims 6 and 25 to delete the words "the surface of."

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the before-mentioned amendments to the application or any other matter, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss same with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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